

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 056199  
ORIGIN EB-08

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /009 R

66011

DRAFTED BY: EB/TEX: ABERRY

APPROVED BY: EB/TEX: ABERRY

-----115762 041024Z /21

P 041011Z MAR 78

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

INFO CINCPAC HONOLULU HI PRIORITY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 056199

USEEC FOR US TEXTILE NEGOTIATING TEAM

FOLLOWING REPEAT BRUSSELS 4200 ACTION SECSTATE INFO  
GENEVA ALL EC CAPITALS  
MAR 03.

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BRUSSELS 04200

USEEC

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EEC, ETRD

SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION CONCERNS ON TEXTILES

REF: BRUSSELS 3885

1. COMMISSIONER DAVIGNON CALLED ME IN FEBRUARY 2 TO  
TELL ME ABOUT A COUPLE OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS THE  
COMMISSION WISHED TO AVOID IN THE CONTEXT OF THE  
ADMINISTRATION IN GENEVA OF THE RENEWED MFA.

2. HIS FIRST POINT WENT TO THE QUESTION OF THE SCOPE  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 056199

OF COMPETENCE FOR THE TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE BOARD (TSB).  
THE EC HAS HEARD RUMORS THAT SOME LDC'S MIGHT BE TRYING  
TO ENLIST US ALLEGIANCE IN AN EFFORT TO STRETCH THE TSB  
AUTHORITY TO ALLOW IT TO GO BEYOND QUESTIONS OF IMPE-  
MENTATION, AND HEARING OF COMPLAINTS, TO DECISIONS AS  
TO WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A REASONABLE DEPARTURE FROM  
THE MFA. DAVIGNON SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND THE MOTIVES

OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES IN SEEKING TO "COME IN THROUGH THE WINDOW" ONCE THE DOOR HAS BEEN LOCKED AND ALSO THE CALMING EFFECT THIS MIGHT HAVE IN THE US CONGRESS. BUT, HE WARNED, AN EFFORT TO EXTEND TSB COMPETENCE WOULD OPEN AN ISSUE WITH THE EC MEMBER STATES, WHICH HE HAD DONE HIS BEST TO AVOID. DAVIGNON SAID THE COMMISSION WAS DELIVERING A SIMILAR WARNING TO ALL COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT HAS CONCLUDED BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS.

3. THE SECOND POINT CONCERNED THE FUNCTIONING OF THE TSB. DAVIGNON EXPLAINED THAT A CURRENT US PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD REQUIRE PARTIES TO A COMPLAINT TO REMAIN SILENT DURING THE DISCUSSION AND THE VOTE (AFTER HAVING BEEN ALLOWED TO STATE THEIR CASE) WAS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. HE WARNED THAT IF SUCH A PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED, THE EC MIGHT BOYCOTT THE TSB.

4. THE COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED THE ADDITION OF TWO EXTRA MEMBERS TO THE TSB AND FEELS STRONGLY THAT THERE SHOULD BE A BALANCE BETWEEN EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS ON THE TSB. THE COMMISSION'S MIND IS OTHERWISE OPEN ON THIS ISSUE. DAVIGNON SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT A SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND AND NOTED THAT THE EC WAS NOT LOCKED INTO ITS PROPOSAL AND COULD POSSIBLY "DO BETTER".

5. DAVIGNON SAID EC TEXTILE TEAM WOULD CARRY THIS MESSAGE  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 056199

TO SAN FRANCISCO AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SMITH (REFTEL) PREPARATORY TO THE APRIL 3 GENEVA MEETING OF THE TEXTILE COMMITTEE. HINTON UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** TEXTILES, ORGANIZATION & MANAGEMENT  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 04 mar 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE056199  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** EB/TEX: ABERRY  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780099-0296  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t197803105/aaaadlom.tel  
**Line Count:** 97  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** ca437bb8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN EB  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 BRUSSELS 3885  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3114291  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** EC COMMISSION CONCERNS ON TEXTILES  
**TAGS:** ETRD, XT, EEC, TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE BOARD-TSB  
**To:** CINCPAC  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/ca437bb8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014